

## PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF TEMPORARY VISITORS VISAS

*Exchange of notes at Monrovia October 27 and 28, 1947*  
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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Liberian Acting Secretary  
of State*

LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
*Monrovia, Liberia; October 27, 1947*

No. 271

### EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to set forth below the terms of the arrangement regarding the period of validity of temporary visitors visas to be granted on a reciprocal basis to nationals of our two countries as understood by me to have been approved in the course of conversations recently conducted by the Legation with your Department of State:

1. As of the date on which this arrangement becomes effective, non-immigrant temporary visitors visas shall be granted by each of our respective countries to nationals of the other to be valid for an initial period of two years from the date of issue instead of an initial period of one year as at present.
2. It is understood that the period of validity of two years means that the visas granted will be valid for presentation at a port of entry at any time, or any number of times, during the two-year period. However, the immigration officials at the port of entry of either country may, as heretofore, specify the authorized length of stay of the alien for each visit.
3. It is further understood that no visa granted for a period of two years will be valid for such period unless the passport or other acceptable travel document is valid for such period. However, if the passport or travel document is not valid for the full period of two years at the time the visa is granted, the passport or travel document may be extended by the issuing authority for the full period of two years or more in which event the visa shall be considered as valid for the full period of two years.

4. The present agreement will in no way affect the arrangement <sup>1</sup> existing between our two Governments whereby all non-immigrant passport visa fees are waived on a reciprocal basis.

If the above provisions are acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, this note and the reply signifying assent thereto shall, if agreeable to Your Excellency's Government, be regarded as constituting an arrangement between our two Governments which shall become effective on December 1, 1947.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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*American Chargé d'Affaires a.i.*

His Excellency CHAS. T. O. KING  
*Acting Secretary of State, R. L.*  
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*The Liberian Acting Secretary of State to the American Chargé d'Affaires  
ad interim*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
MONROVIA, LIBERIA  
28th October, 1947

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MR. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note Number 271, dated October 27, 1947 regarding terms of arrangement between our respective Governments with respect to the period of validity of temporary visitors visas which is to be granted on a reciprocal basis to nationals of our two countries in the light of conversations had by your Legation with the Department of State.

In reply, I have the honour to advise the acceptance and assent by my Government to the following provisions as constituting an arrangement between our two Governments effective as of December 1, 1947:

[For text of provisions, see numbered paragraphs of U.S. note, above.]

Please accept, Mr. Chargé d'Affaires, the renewed assurance of my high consideration and esteem.

CHARLES T. O. KING  
*Acting Secretary of State*

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<sup>1</sup> Agreement signed at Monrovia Aug. 31, 1925 (*ante*, p. 584).